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Japanese No. 2001-125470 - Discloses a process cartridge-reproduction method which enables sealing of toner without using a toner seal.

Japanese No. 2001-75459 - According to this document, a plurality of process units U1 and U2 are supported in such a manner that they are rotatable in one body. By virtue of this, an efficient maintenance operation is enabled without staining the clothes and causing damage to the process device.

Respectfully submitted,

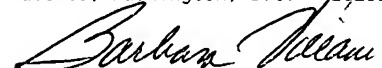

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		JP	2001-075459	A	KAI et al	03-23-2001		x*
		JP	2001-125470	A	HIGETA et al	05-11-2001		x*
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